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WASHINGTON—GETTING THE $700-billion financial rescue through US Congress may have been the easy part. Getting it to work may prove the tougher task.

After two weeks of anguishing debate, Congress passed and President George W. Bush signed the enormous plan to save the financial industry and avert the collapse of

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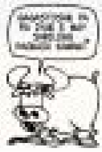
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COA questions food catering at penal farm

By Jocelyn R. Uy

THE COMMISSION ON Audit (COA) has asked a penal colony in Zamboanga City to stop spending taxpayer money on "catering services" for its inmates.

COA QUESTIONS A10



Big firms eye Philamlife

AIG expects quick sale of RP's largest insurer

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE SALE OF THE COUNtry's largest and most profitable insurer, Philippine American Life and General Insurance Co. (Philamlife), may attract top local conglomerates like the Ayala group and San Miguel Corp., Chinese-Filipino businessmen and big foreign groups in related businesses, according to stock market analysts.

"Decisions of this sort will be made quickly and carefully," Philamlife's parent company, American International Group Inc. (AIG), said in a statement.

AIG said it planned to sell off a number of business units to repay its $85-billion loan to the US government.

"We expect that buyers will recognize the value of these properties, be a good strategic fit and offer the greatest potential for growth, profitability and continuing opportunities for employees," it said.

Aside from life insurance in the country, AIG has interest in banking (PhilAm Savings Bank), mutual funds (Philam Asset Management Inc.), preneed (Philam Plans) and nonlife insurance (Philam Insurance Co. Inc.).

Philamlife's life insurance business is its crown jewel with a net worth of ₱21.4 billion as of end-2007. It has been the dominant market player for the past 60 years.

Even before AIG made a decision to sell, the Yuchengco group had expressed interest in Philamlife.

Analysts said big foreign insurance groups with operations in the Philippines like Sun Life of Canada, Manu-

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AMID WAR, a woman spreads the bounty of a rice harvest on a solar dryer, one of the internationally funded "community drives" projects of the Barangay Maguindanao Organization for Peace and Development in Kabacan, North Cotabato.

PEACE TALKS IMPASSE

Multidonor effort to rebuild threatened

By Fernando del Mundo
Chief, I-Team

(First of three parts)

SPECIAL REPORT

KABACAN, NORTH COTABATO—The scene at harvest time in this tranquil farming community in a region torn by war is so much like a landscape from a bygone era come alive in an Amorsolo masterpiece.

Seemingly caught in a time warp, farmers wield scythes and machetes to cut rice stalks in the field and feed them to an ancient threshing machine that separates the grain and spews the chaff high into the gentle breeze.

About the only things that appear to be a modern intrusion to the rustic setting are a solar dryer—a patch of concrete slightly bigger than a bas-

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CHILDREN await relief aid at an evacuation center in Datu Piang, Maguindanao.

GSIS gains ₱1.2B abroad, but Escudero unimpressed

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURance System (GSIS) yesterday reported that its investments in foreign stocks and securities gained 3 percent, or ₱1.25 billion, since it shifted a big chunk of its total investment portfolio overseas five months ago.

The GSIS, however, did not identify the foreign stocks and securities where it invested the contributions of government employees.

Over the past months, stocks and securities worldwide have fallen sharply because of the US financial crisis.

GSIS president Winston Garcia, nevertheless, said the investment gain was made in the face of the US financial meltdown. It has even emboldened the pension fund to invest the remaining $400 million of its $1-billion Global Investment Program (GIP) in the coming weeks, he said.

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating. This is a significant achievement. This is why I always tell our critics not to fall prey to knee-jerk reactions. We have a three-year window for the GIP. Based on the early results, I can assure our members that we are headed in the right direction," he said.

GSIS GAINS A17

Now, 3 solons seek testing of beauty products

FROM MILK PRODUCTS TO BEAUTY products.

Three congressmen yesterday sounded the alarm on the possibility that cosmetic products available in the country—not just some milk products from China—might contain toxic substances.

In a joint resolution, Representatives Luis Villafuerte, Martin Romualdez and Aurelio Gonzales asked the chamber to check whether cosmetic companies were using harmful ingredients "that have been banned or restricted in other countries for being health hazards."

The lawmakers were going by US National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health studies showing that "nearly 900 of the chemicals used in cosmetics are toxic and have been linked to deadly side effects."

They cited harmful effects such as

NOW, 3 SOLONS A6

Free-wheeling encounter between GMA, Focap aborted

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

PRESIDENTIAL AVERSION TO UNtrammeled dialogue with the international press came to a head on Thursday when Malacañang aborted a scheduled press conference with the Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines (Focap).

The scrapping of what would have been a free-wheeling encounter with Focap plunged President Macapagal-Arroyo's often hostile relations with the media to its lowest depth in her elected presidency since 2005.

The cancellation broke precedent in that President Ferdinand Marcos did not commit the foolish act to provoke a rupture with the Manila-based foreign media at the height of his dictatorship.

The scrapping of the dialogue heightened the perception among the Philippine media, both foreign and domestic, that Ms Arroyo has become the most inaccessible of all post-1986 Filipino presidents, following the reinstatement of democracy in the wake of the popular overthrow of the Marcos regime.

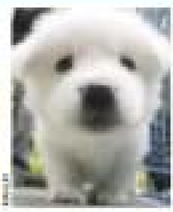
There has been some bad blood between Ms Arroyo and Focap, let alone with the unfriendly sectors of the press, against which the administration has been waging a vendetta.

The rupture with Focap flared over the impasse provoked by the condition laid down by Malacañang that the interaction should exclude "political questions."

In a letter to Press Secretary Jesus Dureza on Sept. 30, Focap president Jason Gutierrez wrote that the Focap board and many of its members "were

FREE-WHEELING A6





ANIMAL TIME A Bengal tiger (left) attracts children at a Malabon zoo while a puppy waits for a priest's blessing during Sunday's celebration of World Animal Day.

After endosulfan, divers target next batch of crop chemicals

By Leila B. Salaverria

DIVERS YESTERDAY COMpleted the retrieval of 462 containers of the toxic pesticide endosulfan from the sunken MV Princess of the Stars, removing a major obstacle to the recovery of hundreds of bodies feared entombed inside for more than three months.

The divers will now focus on taking out another batch of chemicals, as well as more than 200,000 liters of fuel inside the ship which is lying belly up off Sibuyan Island in Romblon, according to Vice Adm. Wilfredo Tamayo.

The Philippine Coast Guard commandant said the salvor company, Titan Salvage, was expected to wrap up the retrieval of the harmful substances by Oct. 24 after which divers would begin removing the bodies of around 500 people trapped inside.

"The retrieval of the bodies will immediately follow once we remove all these chemicals and fuel," Tamayo said in a

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WEATHER FORECAST

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‘US crisis boon for RP tourism’

Affordable medical services, vacation homes to attract foreigners – Durano

ILOILO CITY—THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN THE United States could mean opportunities for the Philippines, particularly in medical tourism, according to Tourism Secretary Joseph Durano.

Condos by the beach

Medical tourism summit

Storm forming off Visayas

Hospice Week to focus on poor cancer patients

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Las Piñas residents fight city for their 'little patch of green'

By [illegible] Velarde

HOMEOWNERS in VERDANT Acres Subdivision in Las Piñas are fighting City Hall over the only green spot in their neighborhood, which has been their park for the past 37 years.

The homeowners are determined to keep the 3,000-square-meter property that they themselves have greened and nurtured. There are about 28 fully grown fruit trees planted by the early residents. Some 80 narra trees, including those donated by urban horticulture advocates like Sen. Loren Legarda, are 18 years old.

In a complaint filed before the Regional Trial Court of Las Piñas on Sept. 18, the Verdant Acres Villagers Association accused city treasurer Rizal de los Reyes of fraud and acting in bad faith for refusing to honor a mutual agreement for tax payments on the disputed property.

According to the complaint, the schedule was prepared by De los Reyes' office in early February after the homeowners sought clarification regarding a published warning that the property was about to be put on the auction block for unpaid taxes.

The homeowners argued that, since it had always been designated and used as a park, the open space was not subject to tax. Even so, they sent representatives to De los Reyes' office to clarify the matter. The inquiry resulted in the schedule of payments/promissory note, which the homeowners hoped would stop the auction.

Park belongs to homeowners

Arthur [illegible], association president, said: "We can hardly afford this lawsuit. But the city government's claim is illegal because this property belongs to the homeowners—as a park, which is how we'd like to keep it."

When the homeowners' representatives went to the city treasurer's office in February, the promissory note/payment schedule wasn't the only thing they managed to have approved. They also successfully negotiated for a reduced amount totaling P44,134.38 payable in 11 installments.

On Feb. 14, the association made a down payment, including penalties, of P22,453.35. Two weeks later, on Feb. 29, the first installment of P2,474.61 was refused—"for unknown reasons."

The association wrote De los Reyes on April 3 for an explanation, but received a reply on May 8, this time from city legal counsel [illegible], claiming that the property belonged to the local government.

Where's deed of donation?

Attached to the reply was an affidavit dated Feb. 22, 2008, and executed by Blas de Lara Morales, heir of the original developer, "attesting" that the homeowners' group had, with a board resolution, "donated" the property to Las Piñas, then still a municipality, in 1992.

However, according to the homeowners' counsel, Jay Joseph Jamandre, up till the filing of the complaint, City Hall had not presented legal requisites to prove its claim.

"Without land actual written deed of donation ... there is no valid donation," Jamandre said. "This is the reason the title to the property has not been transferred to the city of Las Piñas."

Further, the lawyer stressed, City Hall's initial demand that real property taxes be paid by the homeowners was an acknowledgment of the latter's ownership.

LGU vs small park

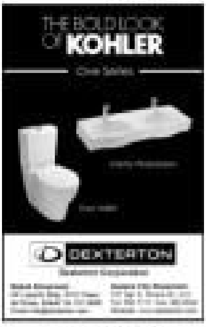
In May, Las Piñas Mayor Vergel "Nene" Aguilar announced an "ongoing" citywide housing project for the poor, for which newspapers quoted him as saying: "We are still looking at other areas along riverways, like Zapote river portion and private lots to subdivisions."

Jamandre assured the park owners, who were ruffled by the report, that, in this regard, the property was protected by law. "Presidential Decree 957 prohibits the alteration of the nature of any open space designated for public use by the original subdivision plan, without the written conformity or consent of the homeowners association," he said.

[illegible], association vice president, has suggested that association officers seek the help of Las Piñas Rep. Cynthia Villar, who, she recalled, had earlier interceded for the homeowners in a similar situation with City Hall. Villar, wife of Senate President Manuel Villar, is Aguilar's niece.

Meanwhile, the homeowners' plea for a temporary restraining order—and permission to pay taxes due on the property—was denied on Sept. 19, the day after the complaint was filed. On Sept. 25, the case was assigned to the sala of Judge Elizabeth Y. [illegible].

It's wait and see if US bailout package will work



Glut of houses

Life without credit

A matter of trust

A much larger task

Fear of recession





Free-wheeling encounter …

Goebbels-like propaganda

Self-defeating petulance

UN's Ban Ki-Moon coming for forum

By Tarra Quismundo

A RED CARPET welcome awaits the top United Nations official who is expected in Manila Thursday.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon is visiting the Philippines to keynote the 2nd Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) the country is hosting.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said Ban had confirmed his attendance at the 2nd GFMD, a migration forum expected to gather some 2,000 delegates from around the world.

The four-day event will be held at the Philippine International Convention Center from Oct. 27 to 30, with two days of meetings for civil society and another two days for government officials.

Foreign Undersecretary Esteban Conejos Jr., head of the Philippine delegation, said the forum would focus its discussion on migrant workers' protection and rights.

In anticipation of Ban's visit, the Manila International Airport Authority (Miaa) is preparing high-level honors for the UN chief.

"We are extending the highest honor to Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and we're putting our best foot forward to welcome the rest of the delegates and their spouses," said airport development and corporate affairs chief Tess Serrano.

Serrano said the Miaa was coordinating with the DFA, the lead organizer, on security and reception preparations. Airport officials expect delegates to begin arriving two to three days before the event.



Customs bureau under fire for entry of Chinese food products



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AIG announced that it will refocus the company on its core property and casualty insurance business to repay its loan from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. AIG further announced its intention to sell a range of companies and assets. The Philippine American Life Insurance Company has been identified for possible divestment along with some of Philamlife's affiliates.

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Dropouts may still get diploma

Villar should cut ties to business empire, says Miriam

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

SENATE PRESIDENT Manuel Villar should sever his links to the vast property empire he has built in order to end all speculations about self-dealing and profiting from government projects like the P200-million C-5 road extension project.

Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago made the suggestion after noting that Sen. Jamby Madrigal's plan to file a complaint against Villar with the Senate committee on ethics would "not prosper" as the matter was better left in the hands of the Ombudsman.

In an interview over dzBB radio, Santiago said: "Since [Villar] is a rich businessman, [he] should divest himself of all his businesses to end complications. He should resign from his positions in every company whatever he holds in a trustee so that other people would have nothing more to say against him."

Under the Constitution, she said, a conflict of interest arises when a senator has a financial interest, either directly or indirectly, in a contract or franchise with the government during his term of office. Santiago said if senators wanted to direct government funds to their constituents, they should use their pork barrel allocation.

But Santiago reckoned there was no conflict of interest in the alleged P200-million double insertion for the C-5 road extension project as charged by members of the Senate minority bloc.

Madrigal is scheduled to file today a resolution urging the ethics committee to investigate Villar for seeking a "redundant" P200 million outlay for the construction and right-of-way costs for the C-5 road extension where the billionaire lawmaker owned 12 properties.

Santiago was skeptical the complaint would prosper considering that the ethics committee is dominated by members of the majority bloc who elected Villar Senate President. "In the voting alone, they [minority bloc] will lose," she said.

In Tacloban City, opposition Sen. Francis Escudero said lodging a complaint against Villar would, once and for all, end the issue dividing the opposition in the Senate.

"It is their right [to file a complaint]. We cannot gag other people and we cannot refuse to investigate [Villar] just because he is a senator. The Senate is not supposed to favor anyone," Escudero said in Filipino in a press conference Friday at Hotel Alejandro.

He also said that whether or not Sen. Panfilo Lacson's motive for exposing the double insertion was political or personal, Villar must still answer the allegations.

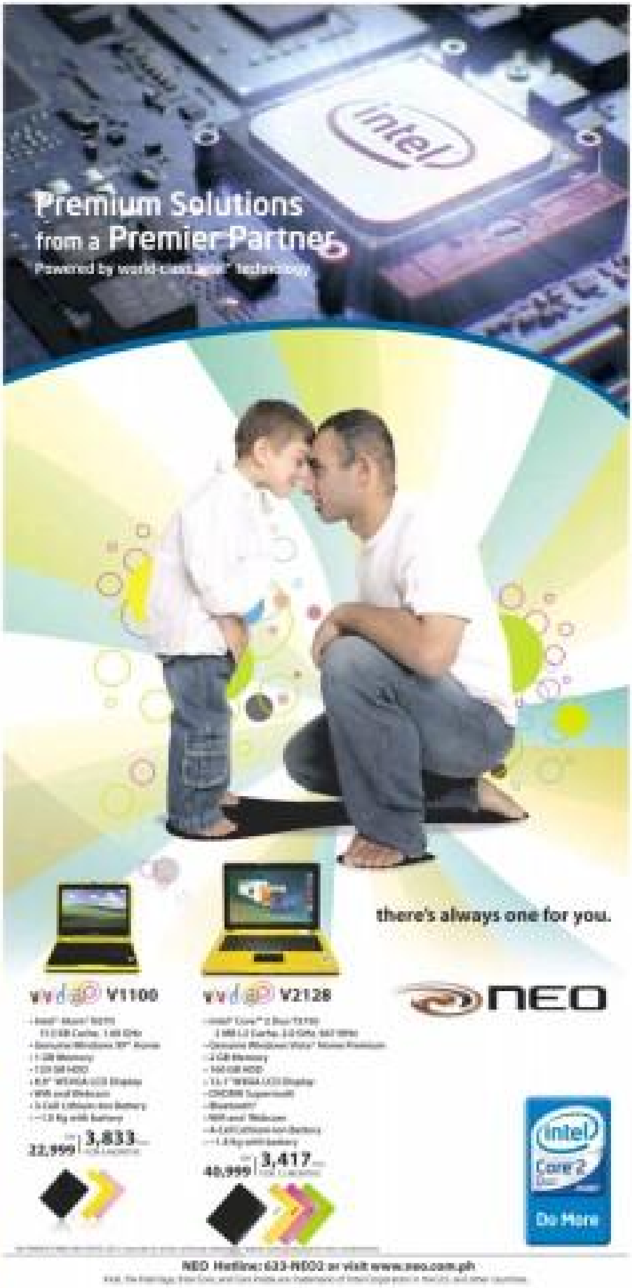
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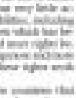
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Philamlife building on Paseo de Roxas avenue in Makati City.

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Multidonor effort to rebuild threatened



A MUSLIM woman stands in front of a deep-water system facility donated by foreign agencies to villagers in Pigcawayan, North Cotabato.

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Sayyaf leader giving 'impossible demands'

ZAMBOANGA CITY—A SULU-BASED ABU Sayyaf leader has been dictating the terms and conditions for the release of two humanitarian workers kidnapped in Basilan.

Basilan Vice Gov. Al Rashid Sakalahul, head of the Provincial Crisis Management Committee, told the Inquirer over the phone that a certain "Amir" of the Abu Sayyaf Group in Sulu has been giving "impossible" demands.

"This Amir is the one asking for P5 million and that I should bring the money to Jolo," Sakalahul said.

But the P5 million, Sakalahul said, was only an "entrance fee" so they (kidnappers) could release the demand letter and a video footage as proof of life."

Merlie "Mmie" Mendoza, a humanitarian aid worker and expert in rehabilitation of war-torn communities, and Esperancita "Pepsie" Hupida, a program coordinator of Nagdilaab Foundation Inc., were kidnapped on Sept. 15 in Barangay Kahengayan in Tipo-tipo town in Basilan.

The victims' families have not received word from the victims and their kidnappers since the abduction.

Nestor Hupida, Pepsie's husband, told the Inquirer that he still had not received any proof of life or demand from the kidnappers.

He said it was hard for him to explain to their three children why their mother was still in captivity.

"It is as if I am doing nothing. I keep on telling them to always pray that their Mama will be released soon and safe," Nestor said.

Yesterday morning, Sakalahul said he received a telephone call from a certain Amir who claimed to be based in Sulu.

"I was even threatened by this Amir that he knows my families, relatives, my place and that they are always watching me. But I didn't yield to his conditions," Sakalahul said.

He said the kidnappers assured him that all the victims were in good health.

"Okay sanli all of them (victims) are fine," he said.

Mohagher Iqbal, chief negotiator of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, again directed rebel forces in Basilan to ensure the safe recovery of the two victims.

"That is our standing order and we are confident our forces are doing their best to secure them as soon as possible," Iqbal said in a phone interview. *Julie S. Alipala, Inquirer Mindanao*

Scientists seek Palawan mining restrictions

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Citing the province's fragile environment and the threats faced by indigenous communities, where most mining projects are situated, a group of scholars and social scientists from various nationalities have banded together to urge the Philippine government to restrict mining activities in Palawan.

In a position paper addressed to President Macapagal-Arroyo, Environment Secretary Lito Atienza and local government officials of Palawan, the scientists warned the government that the present rush for mining projects in Palawan could seriously endanger the province's unique biological richness and socio-cultural heritage.

"We find it very disturbing that mining operations are being allowed despite the numerous policies and laws establishing Palawan as virtually a protected area," the scientists said in a statement furnished the Inquirer.

Among its signatories are international scholars led by Dr. James Eder, a professor at the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University.

Eder is also author of the book "Palawan at the Crossroads: Development and the Environment on the Philippine Frontier" and "On the Road to Tribal Extinction," a book that maps the socio-economic condition of the vanishing Batak tribes of Palawan.

'Spontaneous response'

Other scientists who signed the resolution were: Dr. Melanie Austin, Florida Gulf Coast University; Dr. Wolfram Dressler, University of Queensland; Dr. Melanie Hughes McDermott, department of Human Ecology, Cook College, Rutgers University; Dr. Dario Novellino, University of Kent, Canterbury; Dr. Nicole Revel, Universite Rene Descartes; Dr. Kohl Sold, Hokkaido University; and Noah Theriault, University of Wisconsin.

Daisy Dalabajan, a Palawan-based researcher and environmental activist who spearheaded the petition, said the petition was a "spontaneous response" of the scholars who attended a recent international conference on Philippine Studies in Manila where the mining situation in Palawan was discussed.

Dalabajan said Palawan is an internationally recognized protected area under the Man and Biosphere Reserve category bestowed by the United Nations and recognized by international institutions such as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

The recognition by these institutions has entitled Palawan to receive priority treatment for foreign funding grants directed at conservation and environmental protection.

Dalabajan said the scientists were concerned about the government's active promotion of mining in the country, claiming it contradicts a special law passed for Palawan by Congress in the early 1990s.

The petition cited the records of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau showing that there are over 300 pending mining applications all over Palawan which is rich in nickel and chromite deposits.

The scientists said they believed that the destruction of Palawan's ecosystem violates environmental laws. *Redempto Anda, Inquirer Southern Luzon*

Mining survivor's kin decry criminal treatment

By Vincent Cabreza and Delmar Cariño, Inquirer Northern Luzon

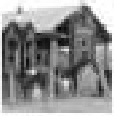
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Court orders ex-PBA star to pay loan

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE COURT OF APPEALS HAS ORDERED former basketball player Alvin Patrimonio to pay the P280,000 columnist Napoleon Gutierrez borrowed from a mutual friend in 1994.



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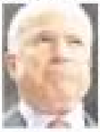
ITALIAN Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi (standing), German Chancellor Angela Merkel (left), France's President Nicolas Sarkozy, and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown (right) face the press after a summit on the international financial crisis in Paris on Oct. 4.

Europe's Big 4 vow unity against financial mayhem

PARIS—EUROPEAN LEADERS VOWED AFTER CRISIS TALKS ON Saturday to do all they could to fend off the financial mayhem that snowballed out of Wall Street and is now hitting banks in Europe.

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Who you callin' a maverick?



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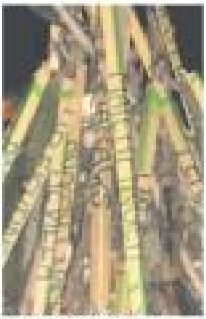
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UAAP judo tournament: Blue Eagles, Lady Maroons triumph



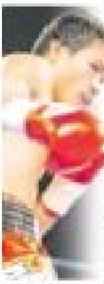
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Manny draws bigger fan support



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By Marc Anthony Reyes

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GCAP stag derby today

Kia Continues to Wow Market with Trade-Up Deals

Tired of your gas guzzler? Bring it in at any authorized Kia dealership nationwide and receive the highest appraisal value towards your purchase of any of Kia's fuel-efficient and stylish models.

Kia continues to wow the market with its Trade - Up Program that allows a car owner of any brand and model to switch up to a brand new Kia Picanto, Rio, Sportage, Sorento, Carens, Carnival or K2700. With over 50 authorized dealerships nationwide, the program makes it so much easier to drive home and enjoy Kia on and off-road.

The Trade - Up Program has helped sustain Kia's phenomenal growth this year posting record sales of up to 70% from 2007. The continued success of the program also reflects the market's growing confidence in the brand. Consumers who are now more quality and price conscious in their car purchases, have begun to notice Kia as the best value for money. "The increasing sales of all our models across all categories is a result of the market's demand for economical vehicles to fulfill their needs while being easy to own and maintain," says Mr. Felix J. Mabilog, Jr., CAC Chief Operating Officer. According to Mabilog, the marked increase in Kia vehicle sales also shows that the market has recognized how far the brand has gone to improve the design, quality and performance of its products.

Kia now also boasts of a bigger and more accessible dealer network. "The recent addition of more showrooms and service centers around Metro Manila and other provinces just shows how committed Kia is in providing the best buying and service experience to our patrons by providing highly competitive deals and quality after-sales service, so owning a Kia has never been easier," explains Mabilog.

Test Drive and experience the best offerings only the country's fastest growing car-brand can give at your nearest Kia dealership now!

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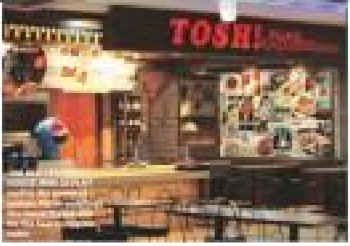
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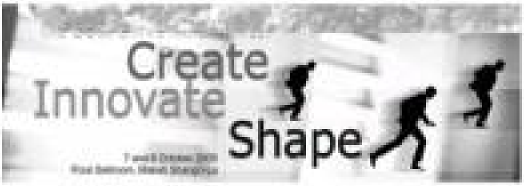
So different, so alike

Greed at the root

Lessons

Depositor protection is key to keeping customers in good hands

Volatile trading expected



Moody's sees tighter credit market due to US crisis

RP not likely to tap new foreign loans

By Michelle V. Remo

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE SAID Asia-Pacific countries would find it more difficult to access funds from the international capital market because of the US credit crisis and high inflation.

The financial meltdown in the United States and the sharp increase in prices of commodities are expected to adversely affect income-generating capacities of governments and privately held companies in the region, thus encouraging investors to momentarily stay at the sidelines, Moody's explained.

"Looking ahead, access to funding will remain challenging, especially for low investment grade and speculative grade firms as already tight market liquidity is further aggravated by the financial turmoil in the US," said Clara Lau, Moody's chief credit officer for Asia Pacific.

The credit rating firm said the third quarter has become worse than the second quarter for the Asia-Pacific region as the access to foreign funding was constrained because more firms have manifested vulnerability to global shocks and record-high inflation.

Increasing costs of goods, including raw materials, and the resulting slowdown in consumer demand were factors believed to have dampened corporate earnings and dragged down their credit image.

"Rising costs and a fall in consumer and industry demand regionally and globally undermined the operating performance and credit metrics of these issuers," Lau said.

Some economists said earlier that the crisis in the United States might force American financial institutions to pull out funds from emerging economies like the Philippines to address their liquidity problems at home.

Still, others believed that risk aversion among foreign investors would increase to the disadvantage of emerging economies, which are perceived to have a lower credit standing.

The US financial crisis, which began in the middle of last year, was prompted by defaults experienced by banks that had huge exposure to the subprime mortgage market.

The Philippines is not expected to be affected by the tighter credit market as it has completed early this year its foreign, commercial borrowing program for 2008. It sold $500 million worth of sovereign bonds in January, an amount allocated for settling maturing obligations denominated in foreign currencies.



Deposit insurer posts ₱1.23B in net income

Bangko ...

R-II gets ₱400-M DBP loan

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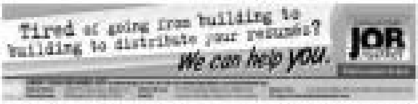


















Manila depot for MSMEs planned

Trading center to help promote products from the regions

RLC buys property for new project in Cebu

SGI to introduce Filipino-branded notebook PCs

Bancommerce issue gets ratings upgrade





Coolest alarm clock around

Text and photos by Charles E. Buban

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MIGHT BE WONDERING why the Bose Wave Music System was named this way, the "wave" simply refers to the sound-like structure snaking inside the device.

THE WAVE looks like a regular table radio, but this particular music system could fill a large room with crystal clear sound and features a slot-loading CD player (left). It can also accommodate a variety of sources like an iPod using the AUX input (above).

Resolved


DON'T lose or misplace the Wave remote.

Minimalist

Credit card-size remote

New PCs signal trends in computing products

By Raquel P. Gomez


TOUCHSMART IQ500 with keyboard and mouse.

From HP, a touch PC

Dell's new Latitudes



3.75G connectivity for Asus EeePC


DELL Latitude E6400

Mobile e-mail tops Nokia's features list





NOKIA 2680



Green gadgets





SHARP LED lamps (left), air purifier (above)



Acer gives new meaning to LCDs



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Asean bourses band together to fight crisis

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USDA extends guarantees to RP, 7 others

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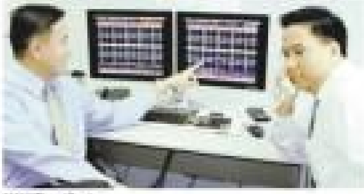
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Should I just keep cash under my pillow?

When trust in financial markets is eroded



Protecting money

Financial hurricane: Coping with the aftermath

MAPping the Future



Alma Rita R. Jimenez

Should I just keep cash under my pillow?

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'Some of your money might really belong under the mattress. But it doesn't make sense to put all of it there. I'll be fearful of a fire'



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MICHAEL Manuel

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FedEx has new managing director

CBRE appoints new director

LCF has new proxy

Should I just keep cash ...

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Gold bugs see vindication in Wall Street mess

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People fearful of their bank deposits have flocked to buy gold jewelry



Gold bugs see vindication in Wall Street mess

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Migrating to Australia 101

One's chances of getting jobs Down Under are better than on Main Street, USA





MONEY TALES FROM OFWS

How the crisis is changing people's daily lives—for better and for worse





How the crisis is changing people's daily lives ...



DELGADO





Are Aussie mining firms still interested in RP?

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

YES, BUT NOT QUITE.

According to Mitchell H. Hooke, chief executive officer of the Minerals Council of Australia (MCA), mining firms from Down Under are still keen on Philippine prospects.

"But that [interest] has been somewhat qualified by sovereign risk issues, uncertainty of the [Philippine] mining act, provincial regulations, role of the Catholic bishops, role of stability of taxation regimes and fiscal stability," Hooke said, summing up the sentiments of major mining companies in Australia.

The MCA represents Australia's exploration, mining and minerals processing industry nationally, with member companies producing more than 85 percent of Australia's annual mineral output.

During an interview with Business Monday in his office at the Walter Turnbull Building in Canberra, Australia, Hooke said that there is "big interest" because there is a "lot of prospectivity," the Philippines being the fifth largest mineral rich country in the world.

"But you need to look in the mirror," he said. "There is no shortage of prospective minerals in the world."

Hooke estimated that there is an estimated $850 billion to $900 billion worth of mineral deposits in the country.

"That's a lot of prospective wealth. If done right, that mineral capital can be converted into societal capital. It does a lot to improve the livelihood of the local community in the Philippines. It will contribute to socio-economic growth."

Hooke recalled that during the Asian Mining Congress in Manila last year, representatives of Australia's mining companies as well as top government officials who attended the event were very enthusiastic of the country's mineral prospects.

"But that optimism has been tempered somewhat," Hooke said. "It is hard for me to put my fingers on the reasons why, but I suspect it goes the extent to which change in national policies are being resisted. And there are strong opposition on the ground, particularly from church leaders, provincial governments, nongovernment organizations."

Hooke emphasized that these considerations are taken into account when investment decisions are made. Environmental factors also do not help the Philippines' case.

"Not only is there no shortage of mineral resources to be exploited. There is no shortage in mobility in the strategic deployment of capital and resources. These people can move very quickly, more so than at any time in history."

Hooke further cited a survey of CEOs made by the Fraser Institute of Canada, a research group. It shows that the Philippines is not a priority investment area. Australian mining companies looking for valuable minerals such as gold, copper, silver and nickel in the Philippines have not been given warm welcome. Some have even encountered obstacles so great that they have decided to just stop their Philippine operations.

Many Filipinos are now fearful of the consequences of mining activities, citing the destruction of the environment and endangering the lives of humans and animals as what had happened in the past.

Most people recall the tragic incidents involving Marcopper and Lafayette.

The Catholic Church has been very vocal against mining companies.

But Hooke tries to dispel these fears by saying that members of the council are all bound by what they call the Enduring Value, or the Australian Minerals Industry Framework for Sustainable Development. The principle is that "investments in minerals projects should be financially profitable, technically appropriate, environmentally sound and socially responsible."

He explained that the future of the Australian minerals industry "is inseparable from the global pursuit of sustainable development.

"Through the integration of economic progress, responsible social development and effective environmental management, the industry is committed to contributing to the sustained growth and prosperity of current and future generations."

Hooke argues that mining firms have more to lose if they violate this social contract. All sectors involved must not be adversely affected in a mining venture.

"It is on the social license to operate, but the social contract is more enduring," he said.

(The author was recently invited to Australia by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.)



HOOKE

PAMM set this week



SMITH

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN Affairs Minister Stephen Smith is arriving in Manila with Trade Minister Simon Crean this week to take part in the second Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting on Oct. 8-9.

"Australia and the Philippines share many important historical, cultural and people-to-people ties. Both are countries are strong Asia-Pacific democracies with important alliance relationships with the United States."

Smith notes the PAMM "is an important opportunity for both countries to take the relationship to new levels."

During the two-day event, the Philippines Australia Business Council (PABC) and its counterpart, the Australia Philippines Business Council (APBC) are hosting the Philippines Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM) business luncheon on Oct. 9 with Minister Smith as keynote speaker, to be attended by top Philippine government officials.

The PABC led by its chair, Albert H.G. Garcia, and M.E. Jo Velez, APBC chair, will participate in the PAMM High Level Business Session between the two governments that began in 2005. This year, PAMM is hosted by the Philippine Government and will run from Oct. 8 to 9 at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel.

White shrimp ...

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of the conference.

The BFAR aquatic animal health laboratory was established at the BFAR center here to diagnose the viral diseases that posed threats to vannamei farms.

"Farmers can avail of the laboratory's services to check if the broodstock they are importing or the post larvae they are buying from hatcheries are free of diseases," Rosario says.

The country has seven accredited hatcheries and 53 farms for vannamei, with current production level of five to seven metric tons per hectare. More are set for accreditation in Luzon, Rosario says.

The first farmers to culture vannamei are the big players in fishery industry, he says.

But experiments are to be undertaken at the BFAR center starting this month to focus on culture in small farms in Pangasinan and Dagupan City.

"Fishponds here have specific problems—they are small, shallow and cannot be drained. We are developing models for such fishponds. We are also conducting trials on low-density working culture in freshwater and on polyculture with milkfish," Rosario says.

But he says vannamei culture has great potential as part of the 26,803 hectares of farms devoted to the culture of *Penaeus monodon* (tiger prawn) can be used to culture vannamei.

Teofilo Rivera Jr., Bualti president and who operates 16 hectares of vannamei farm in Zambales, says more studies are needed to make the industry successful.

Among the country's fishery products, shrimps and prawns register the highest foreign exchange earners at $100 million annually, says BFAR Director Malcolm Sarmiento.

He says 60 percent of production goes to the local market while the rest is exported to Japan, the United States and South Korea, among other countries.

The BFAR has developed various products from vannamei to increase its marketability. Among these are "vannuggets" (shrimp nuggets), breaded vannamei, siopao filling, loaf, noodles and chips.



A BFAR center worker shows Pacific white shrimp...



PACIFIC white shrimp

BUSINESS Monday

White shrimp is star of fishery sector

'The lesson we learned is to be extra careful to import only healthy stocks and continue reviewing biosecurity protocols'







An Officer and a Gentleman

Col. Pedro Davila and how PLDT WeRoam changed his life







Col. Davila on WeRoam

“It's so small, it can be in my pocket. It's smaller than a case of cigarettes. It doesn't break down, boy.”

BUSINESS Monday

Milking prospects in dairy

Melamine crisis can spur growth of local industry

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

TIAONG, QUEZON—A [illegible] Filipino [illegible] turned entrepreneur sees bright prospect for the country's dairy industry brought about by the melamine-tainted milk crisis gripping countries globally.

"I think this is the time when the Department of Agriculture or the Philippine government should give more assistance or budget to the National Dairy Authority to help the farmers increase their production," [illegible] Jesus Molina, president and chief executive officer of [illegible] Dairy Farm, tells the Inquirer.

He appeals to President Macapagal-Arroyo to provide full support to the country's dairy farmers.

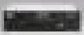
"Give us the proper support in the dairy industry and after two or three years, we will no longer be importing fresh milk and [illegible] from New Zealand. Our milk is safe, of good quality and most of all, free from melamine," Molina says.

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PETRON CORP. IS EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

Ferrari revs up for record year

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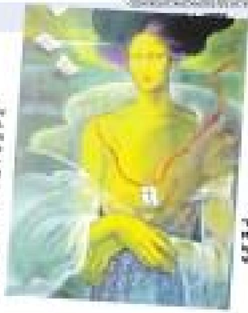




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"WOMEN," by Ang Kiukok

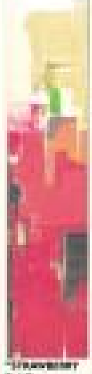


"MONA Mystica," by Lydia Velasco

Bagtas' 'European Sojourns' at Renaissance



"WHEATFIELD"



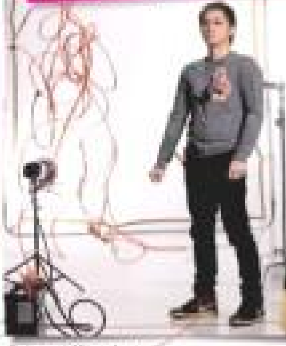
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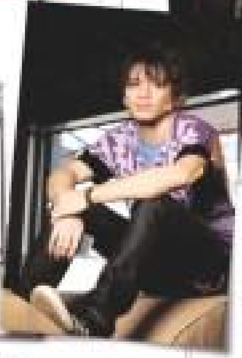


"GREENFIELD"

Music & Fashion Collide

you commissioned talented young designers to rework clothes that will best express these musicians individually, giving you a big music and fashion fusion. Get to know more about these three musicians who represent how colorful and dynamic the Pinoy music scene is.







Miggy Chavez

Lead vocalist of Silent Sanctuary

Yael Yuzon

Lead vocalist of Sponge Cola

Raimond Marasigan

Project 1 and former drummer of the Eraserheads

For the full story, check out you magazine's November-December 2008 issue



you Magazine in partnership with Rakki, is launching "Rockin' You," the coolest, most exclusive fashion show featuring creations of young and talented designers.

Stay tuned for more details!



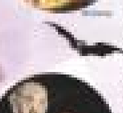
Experience Halloween in Hong Kong

Gear up for a mixture of fun and excitement in a Halloween celebration that's far from usual! Experience Halloween in Hong Kong and encounter the chills and thrills that the Asia's events capital has in store for everyone. Visit the city's different fun-tastic hotspots and witness the magic each place has to offer. Go to the different party places where everyone is guaranteed one exciting night after another in various themed events and happenings. Whether you are the type who is daring enough to face your Halloween fears or the type who prefers to provide the scares to others, Hong Kong is the perfect place for you!

HONG KONG DISNEYLAND

• From September 26 to November 1, Haunted Halloween at Hong Kong Disneyland dares you to explore the darkness with seasonal attractions and shows peppered with spook and spectacle.





LAN KWAI FONG

• Drop by Hong Kong's most happening and popular party destinations. Each thriving district houses restaurants to try, crowds to celebrate with, and the right spot to don a perfect Halloween costume. Lan Kwai Fong Halloween kicks off October 28 in a surefire spooktacular fashion and ends November 2, alongside SoHo Halloween on October 31.

MADAME TUSSAUDS

• Fearless enough to come face-to-face with the world's most dangerous criminals and deadly psychopaths? Head to Madame Tussauds' new and permanent scary attraction, Scream – Escape The Asylum. Make your way around darkened corridors, experience intense gore and run into rampaging psychopaths to escape the asylum before you become one of its permanent residents.



OCEAN PARK

• Participate in Ocean Park's Halloween Bash, an experience that will definitely give people the fright and enchantment of their lives. Proven to be bigger, better, spookier and more hair-raising than ever, Ocean Park will showcase sensational street shows, spine-tingling scare zones, more than 300 lurking ghoulish characters and creatures and incredible new audio and visual elements that will startle the senses of a brave soul. Tour decrepit estates and meet frightening and freakish beings through the many haunted houses in the park. Don't forget to check out the shops for souvenirs and bring home a reminder of your scare fest!





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LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

Vigan—a Unesco World Heritage site

The only Philippine town that has retained most of its Spanish colonial architecture

PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon

When Filipinos think of the Spanish colonial era, Vigan immediately comes to mind.

That is because in the Philippines, the largest concentration of bahay-na-bato houses to survive from the Spanish era is in Vigan.

The name "Vigan" is now generic, wrongly associated by Filipinos with anything Spanish colonial regardless of its place of origin or of its proper historic name. Filipinos will say bahay-na-bato a "Vigan house," old furniture "Vigan furniture," and terra-cotta tiles "Vigan tiles."

In the 18th and 19th centuries, Vigan was the third most important city in the Philippines after Manila and Cebu, two cities now totally modernized and practically shorn of each other; they have pretty much lost their identities.

Vigan is the only town in the country that has retained most of its Spanish colonial architecture. It is the only city in the country that has a distinct identity of its own.

Since it was inscribed on the World Heritage List as the "Historic Town of Vigan," it has realized the universal value of its heritage. New series legislation enforces the preservation of that heritage which is appreciated not only by local residents but also by the large numbers of tourists that visit it.

In 1572, the Spanish conquistador Juan de Salcedo founded Villa Fernandina on an island in the Abra River delta in what is now Ilocos Sur province. Upon his appointment as lieutenant governor (or encomendero) of the Ilocos, Salcedo made Vigan his capital. It was the political and economic center of the region which became the religious center when the seat of the Archdiocese of Nueva Segovia was transferred to Vigan in 1758 from Lallo in Cagayan.

The name "Vigan" comes from a giant plant, biga, growing abundantly on the banks of Mestizo River.

Originally, Vigan was a triangular-shaped island marked by a causeway connecting it to Bantay, a town in the Ilocos Sur mainland. The causeway still exists but the rivers have silted over and Vigan is no longer an island.

Mestizo River was central in the development of Vigan's economy during the 18th and 19th centuries when sea-going ships could still berth at its delta. Today the river is no longer navigable and Vigan has lost its maritime trade.

When it was a maritime-trade center, produce from the region was traded with goods shipped directly from China. Vigan also participated in the Manila-Acapulco Galleon Trade by supplying the thick hand-woven cloth used as sails for the galleons.

The architecture and urban layout of Vigan reflect the foreign influences brought by its former trade connections with China, Mexico and Spain.

VIGAN D4

Parenting supplement

Effective parents make anytime quality time

Working and raising children is the great balancing act that an increasing number of parents perform.

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Celebrity organizes Christmas benefit bazaar

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Munch, slurp, gulp, aaah!

'Ah, indeed, and what do babies and little kids love to do, besides sleeping, playing and running their parents crazy? They love to eat, of course. And for this edition of the Baby Gallery, we'll show you our little lovable ones in various stages of gustatory pleasure'





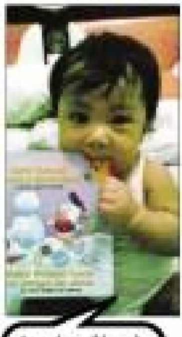


















Vigan—a Unesco World Heritage site





LifeStyle Arts & Books

FROM BOOK TO FILM

'Lies' in the war on terror

By Dexter R. Matilla


FERRIS (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Hoffman (Russell Crowe) play cloak-and-dagger game.

THE WAR ON TERROR is grippingly portrayed by director Ridley Scott in the new spy thriller "Body of Lies."

Based on the novel by David Ignatius, editor and columnist of The Washington Post, "Body of Lies" shows the all-too-familiar partnership between war and deception. Plots are layered with more ploys, and the players in such a messy game, trusting someone could prove fatal.

CIA operative Roger Ferris' (Leonardo DiCaprio) is in Amman, Jordan, to locate terrorist leader Al-Saleem. To do this, he blows up a US military base and makes it appear that Omar Sadiki, an architect, is the leader of a new terrorist group that shares Al-Saleem's extremism, but one that is more than capable of striking deep into the heart of America.

Over at the CIA offices (or wherever he might be at the moment), Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe) listens and sometimes even watches as Ferris feeds him intelligence reports.

A cunning strategist who is often seen with an cellphone and enjoying quality time with his family, Hoffman sees people as being dispensable, including his best operative, Ferris, as long as the greater good requires it.

Subtle seduction

The role has Crowe putting on weight to show that his character is better off holding commands than being on the field and dealing with life and death situations the way DiCaprio's character does.

Working with Ferris is the head of the Jordanian General Intelligence Department, Hani Salaam (Mark Strong).

Always dapper looking, the cool and calculating Hani decides he could trust Ferris, whom he finds to be decent enough to learn the Arab language. Hani himself is a master in the subtle seduction of guests and adversaries, and, by being so, almost always gets whatever he needs.

Crowe and DiCaprio share the screen probably less than five times, with Hoffman even bringing up Ferris' ongoing divorce case with his wife, who in the book is a beautiful lawyer with an exceptional appetite for sex.

But the wife, Gretchen in the book, is not mentioned at all in the film, so playing as Ferris' love interest is the Iranian nurse Aisha (Golshifteh Farahani), who, of course, is eventually drawn to play a part in the deception.

Jumping from one country to another doesn't make the story-telling hard to follow as it is executed as a series of events triggered by one very deliberate plan.

Biggest pull

"Body of Lies" is as current as today's news, and the characters do not go into battle equipped with high-powered guns or fancy vehicles. Ferris even has what seems to be a partly burned laptop.

The film's biggest pull is not so much DiCaprio or Crowe, as its revealing take on oil politics which continues to drive terrorism and the war against it.

"A subject that has always interested me as a writer is deception, and the process by which we deceive our adversaries," says Ignatius.

"I began thinking about how you would get inside an organization that proves nearly impossible to penetrate. If you couldn't get inside, could you make them think you're inside? The spy business is a lot like journalism. It's about identifying people who know things, gaining their trust, and then getting them to cross a line and tell you things they initially might not want to."

Screenplay writer William Monahan says he tried to remain true to the spirit of the novel.

"The story shows the intelligence world more or less as it is, with, if anything, more pragmatism and less political ordering than you find in the actual CIA. The fashion of Ed Hoffman appeal to me... we all know a Hoffman. Ferris' story is appealing to me in that it is all about individual conscience."

"Body of Lies" opens on Oct. 9.

E-mail the author at dexmatilla@yahoo.com

Voltron and Tom & Jerry fans are in for a treat with Jollibee Kids Meal toys

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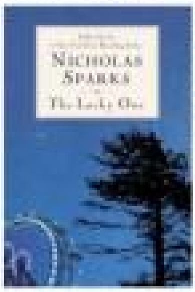






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New Nicholas Sparks romance



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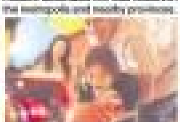




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UP choir wins in international choral tilts

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'La Naval' book is a multi-faceted feast

By Ophelia A. Dimalanta
Contributor



Santo Domingo Church

Canonical coronation

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Bronwin O. Velarde

A *working* debut

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Rodel Rocero



For Rhian, there were 18 questions from media guests and GMA 7 execs

PARTY! PARTY!

RHIAN RAMOS' COMING-out party at the Manila Peninsula in Makati City Friday night was really a publicity blitz for her new soap on GMA 7.

Network exec Wilma Galvante said so: "You're not here just to party, Rhian, you're here to promote."

GMA 7 was a major sponsor of the party. Thus, Rhian's escort was JC de Vera, her leading man in the local adaptation of the Argentine series "La Lola." Program's host was Marvin Agustin, also a co-star.

There was a twist to the traditional 18 Candles (presented to the debutante by 18 close girlfriends): Rhian had to answer 18 questions from GMA 7 officials and some members of the entertainment press. And most of her partners for the 18 Roses dance were Kapu...

A WORKING / F6





INDUSTRY bigwigs like Reyes, German Moreno and Wilma Galvante



CHEER FACTOR



A birthday in hospitals

ERIK SANTOS marks his birthday, Oct. 13, with a tour of seven hospitals, where he will sing for patients and distribute gifts. The tour, "One Voice, One Vision," from Oct. 8-29, covers the Philippine General Hospital, Philippine Children's Medical Center, National Children's Hospital, Ospital ng Maynila, Jose Reyes and Jose Rodriguez Memorial, San Juan de Dios and Quezon City General.

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4 RIGHTEOUS KILL

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3 EAGLE EYE
4 MIRRORS

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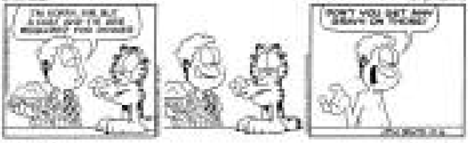
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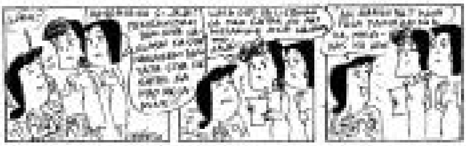
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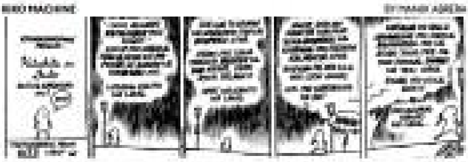
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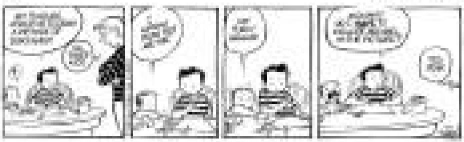
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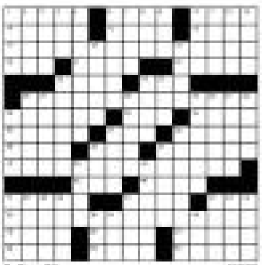
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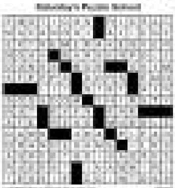
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved



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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

Are Dingdong and K headed for Splitsville?

DOLLYWOOD
Dolly Anne Carvajal



ARE DINGDONG DANTES AND KARYLLE on the verge of a breakup? Being a close friend of the couple, I was saddened when I heard the news. I'm still hoping against hope that it's just a phase they're going through.

I texted Dong and K for the real score. Dong replied, "I have to keep quiet about it, muna. For any development, trust that I will let you know. I'm leaving for the US on Oct. 8." K said they'll come out with a statement. "This news is so sad," she said.

Will Dong think things over in the US or settle matters before he leaves? K and Dong have been very supportive of each other's growth as artists. Their careers should not make them grow apart.



KARYLLE and Dingdong

Suicide attempt

Did Cristine Reyes really attempt to commit suicide after her breakup with Dennis Trillo?

She insists that it was just a case of fatigue. But a hospital mole claims that the actress was rushed to the ER due to paracetamol overdose and with her wrists slit. Perhaps she was just trying to kill her feelings for Dennis. Can't love just die a natural death?

Equal share

I bumped into [illegible] after their guest roles in "Family Feud." [illegible] They surely have equal share of [illegible] even if they're grown-up already.

Sweet Rome

Ai Ai de las Alas sent me a text message all the way from Rome. She's with [illegible] and his family for a [illegible]. [illegible] Rome sweet Rome.

Time to shine

[illegible] She surely has her hands full as she takes the spotlight in "Obra" every Thursday of Oc-[illegible] Alden portrays a negrito searching for kindness in a world of cynicism in [illegible], a has-been actress pining for a lost love in [illegible], a [illegible] surrogate mom in [illegible] and a woman possessed by an evil spirit in "Sapi." [illegible]

Britain's talent

Catch "Britain's Got Talent" winner Paul Potts at the Philippine International Convention Center on Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. (call 8919999). Potts will serenade Pinoys with contemporary and classical pieces, his award-winning version of Puccini's "Nessun Dorma" and a duet from "La Traviata" with our very own soprano, Rachelle Gerodias. On Oct. 9, Potts will visit Powerup Greenbelt 3 for CD signing. Time to fall for Paul!

"BF ng Bayan"

Bayani Fernando, now more known as the "BF ng Bayan" for consistently topping "Celebrity Duets," wowed the Manila Hotel audience when he performed with Petula Clark. He sang "Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes."

About his would-be winnings in "Celebrity Duets," BF says he just that he needs it for his benefit. Candidly, he says the show is giving him good preparation. BF is being floated as one of the presidentiables in 2010. Will he have a play list aside from a platform?

Green festival

Kudos to Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista for the successful "QC Green Festival 2008" he launched on Sept. 29.

"We are fortunate to have Greenpeace, Haribon Foundation, "green companies" and other pro-environment organizations helping us to raise awareness of green lifestyle choices to the public," says Vice Herbert. "We are proposing a green building ordinance which promotes environmentally-sound building practices and urban design alternatives and we encourage motorists to use clean fuel alternatives such as LPG or CNG."

Mabuhay el Bistek!

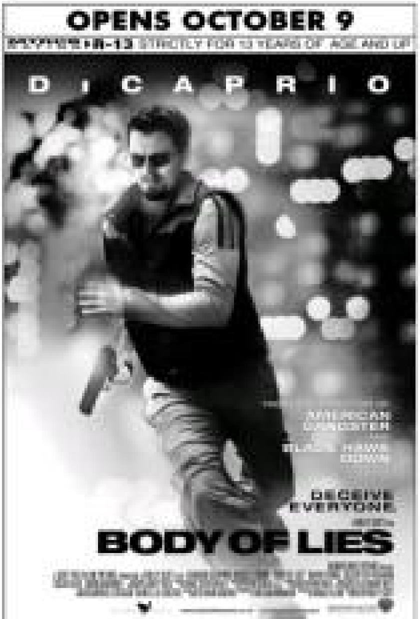
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Golden Divas at Mandarin

SHOW TIME

PILITA CORRALES, CARMEN Soriano and Carmen Pateña will perform together again at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Makati on Oct. 17, Friday, 9 p.m. [illegible]







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A working debut

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"PINOY Idol" finalist Jayson Ramirez



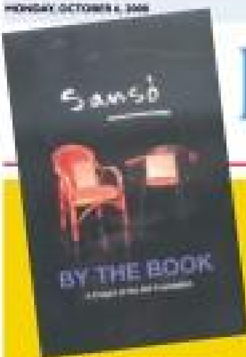




MARVIN Agustin, right, emceed the program.

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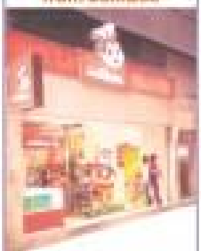
LEARNING
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Digital Sansò to teach young Pinoy artists

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Teachers get well-deserved treats from Jollibee



To say that teachers play an important role in our lives is an understatement. They have been a constant presence right from the time we learned our ABCs, struggled through geometry in high school or worked mighty hard to produce a thesis that we can be proud of. From just being the recognized authority figures in the classroom - whom we love to hate especially during pop quizzes or during those nights when we had to stay up late amid tons of school papers -- many of them have even become our counselor, mentor and life-long friend.

All for the love of teaching, they have learned to accept and embrace the sacrifices that go with their profession. These include working late or even during weekends to prepare lesson plans, check papers or do continuous research to know the latest in their field. Some even volunteer to be assigned to far-flung barrios and endure all sorts of hardships just to be able to teach children of poor families.

Even with such daunting and exhausting tasks, our teachers remain dedicated to their craft. Many of them say that their greatest source of fulfillment lies in seeing their former students succeed and reach their fullest potentials. Because of our teachers, we have great scientists, artists, mathematicians, engineers, writers and professionals whose solid foundation enabled them to make their mark here and abroad. Because of our teachers, we have reason to believe that our own children can also someday look forward to a bright future.

As the nation marks the celebration of World Teachers' Day on October 5, Jollibee, the country's largest fast food chain, takes time out to say thank you to all our hardworking and devoted teachers all over the country.

On this special occasion, we invite all our teachers to relax and take that much needed break with their favorite Langhap Sarap treats at Jollibee.

From October 5 to 10, 2008, teachers can enjoy great savings when they order any of the four Teachers' Treats offering. These include a Yumburger with 12 oz softdrink for only P39 (save P13), Regular Jolly Crispy Fries with 12 oz softdrink for only P39 (save P13), Yumburger with Cheese with 12 oz softdrink for only P49 (save P18), and a one-piece Chickenjoy with 12 oz softdrink for only P70 (save P11). Teachers only need to present their school IDs at any Jollibee store nationwide to instantly avail of these discounted treats.

With this offering, we express our gratitude to all our teachers out there who continue to pursue with commitment this most noble profession. From all of us at Jollibee, maraming salamat po!

Designing their dream 'mod cons'

By Linda B. Bolido

IT MAY NOT BE LONG before Filipinos will be using appliances designed by their own students but bearing a well-known international brand.

These past two years, Electrolux Philippines has partnered with Filipino schools to encourage their students to participate in the company's annual Design Lab competition.

To be held on Oct. 8-9 this year, the European company's 5-year-old competition asks industrial design students to come up with tomorrow's appliances or a new generation of mod cons (modern conveniences).

Last year, when Electrolux first invited Filipino students to join the competition, it partnered with De La Salle University and the University of Santo Tomas. From out of 50 entries, Electrolux Philippines submitted 25 to the regional screening.

This year it worked with the Mapua Institute of Technology's School of Architecture, Industrial Design and the Built Environment.

A total of 20 designs including a hose with cooker/storage and cooking table, were submitted to the regional screening.

Entries to the Design Lab contest are expected to address needs in food storage, cooking and/or washing of household items two to three years from now and directed particularly at the so-called Internet generation.

Electrolux defines this group as "brand-conscious, busy young, independent professionals, between 25 and 35, concerned about the environment and whose lives are interrelated with technology and online social networks."

Thomas Hong, Electrolux Philippines general manager, says Design Lab "seeks to bring together the creative minds of industrial design students."

Students are not only technology savvy, they are also the likely users a few years from now of the appliances they will design today.

Although the Filipino students' designs did not qualify for the international competition, Hong says, "I have to say without hesitation, I have a lot of confidence in the designs of our Filipino students. They are all unique, creative and definitely out-of-the-box (and are at) par with (submissions from other) schools from around the world."

Hong says Filipinos are the "most creative and resourceful" though underestimated at times.

He says next year they will try to get more schools to participate in Electrolux's annual design competition.



UP College of Medicine gets new professorial chair from Metrobank

METROPOLITAN BANK AND TRUST Company (Metrobank) has signed a memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the University of the Philippines College of Medicine for the establishment of a professorial chair. The MOA was part of the celebration of Metrobank's 46th anniversary. Sealing the partnership are (from left) Metrobank Foundation president Aniceto M. Sobrepeña, Metrobank founder and group chair George S. K. Ty, UP Manila chancellor and UP Manila Development Foundation president Dr. Ramon Arcadio, and UP Foundation executive director Gerardo Agulto Jr. Metrobank also established a professorial chair for the University of Santo Tomas College of Medicine. The new professorial chairs in the country's leading medical schools were supported by the Doña Victoria Ty Tan Memorial Fund.

Informatics Junior Icons top 2008 Naascu

DEBUTING INFORMATICS ICONS Junior basketball team was champion in the 8th National Athletic Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (Naascu). The Icons, who dominated the Junior division throughout the season, beat San Sebastian Recoletos, 71-65. Icons Bengie Tenorio was named Most Valuable Player. The team was coached by Bobby Flores. Other members of the winning team were Dato Banzo, Ewing Eyres, captain Mark Buendia, John Ryan Magbanua, John Ronald Enddo, Joed Ponciano and Ken Abiang. Informatics' Seniors team reached the quarterfinals.

Adamson congress tackles housing issues

ADAMSON UNIVERSITY, through the Integrated Community Extension Services Office (ICESO), hosted the recent Kumunitad Na! 1st Congress of Local Experiences of Northville and Southville Residents at the school's GF-IRVR. It was the first grand consultation between leaders of families displaced by the North and South Railway project with government agencies like the National Housing Authority and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC). Guest of honor was Vice President Noli de Castro, HUDCC chair. Fr. Nonong Fajardo, C.M., ICESO director, spearheaded the event.

Letran hosts tourism educators' meeting

THE LEAGUE OF TOURISM Educators of the Philippines (LTEP) held its organizational meeting at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran under the auspices of the National Association of Independent Travel Agencies (NAITAS), Sikat, International and the Department of Tourism. Tourism educators from 22 colleges and universities in Metro Manila and Luzon participated. On Oct. 10, about 15 Cebu colleges and universities are expected at a summit to formalize the LTEP chapter in the Visayas. Davao, Bacolod and Palawan chapters are expected to follow within the month. Among those who attended the Letran meeting were Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab, NAITAS chair emeritus Robert Lim Joseph and chair Angel Ramon Nograd, Letran rector-president Fr. Tamerlane Lana. Joseph, also chair emeritus of the League of Tourism Students of the Philippines (LTSP), said the LTEP had the support of the Department of Tourism, Philippine Tourism Authority, Senate tourism committee chair Sen. Richard Gordon, House tourism committee chair Rep. Edgar Chatto and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda). He said the LTEP would coordinate with the Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education (CHEd) and Tesda on the development of curriculum and training programs. For more information, e-mail ltsp@pldtdsl.com or admin@ltsp.org.ph.

PNU-CTL to get Unesco citation



THE PHILIPPINE NORMAL University (PNU) Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) will get a Certificate of Excellence from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for its entry in the recent 2008 World Competition on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) organized by the Unesco Principal Regional Office in Asia-Pacific (PROAP). Early this year PNU-CTL participated in the 2008 Mondialogo School Contest. Mondialogo is an international exchange program. This November, a PNU-CTL team will represent the Philippines in the high school students' International Conference in Asia-Pacific 4(Peace) Forum for Environment and Peace in Osaka, Japan.

La Salle Zobel remembers former student



ANTONIO Montemayor Antonas

THE DE LA SALLE SANTIAGO Zobel School held recently commemorative services for Antonio Montemayor Antonas, a former student who died at age 15. The ceremonies at the hall of the new Our Lady of the Pillar Chapel featured a memorial Mass celebrated by Msgr. Froilan Sapico. Bro. Bernie Oca, FSC, vice chancellor for Lasallian Mission and External Relations of De La Salle University-Manila and Antonio' Grade V classmate at the then De La Salle College in Manila, gave the homily. After Antonio died from a drowning accident in Pagsanjan, Laguna, his family and the Lasallian community set up the Antonio Montemayor Antonas Foundation Inc. that gives out awards in seven categories: Leadership, Rhetoric, Spirit of Faith, Art, Athletics, Music and Achievement. The recent event was attended by Antonio' older brother Greg and younger sister Carmel.

Ateneo hosts Christian schools conference

THE ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY will host the biennial conference of the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (Acuca), Oct. 16-18. This year's conference on "Christian Universities' Identity and Challenges in Today's World" will feature two activities: conference for university officials and staff and the student camp. The Acuca conference is part of a series of international conferences Ateneo has lined up for 2008-2009 as it prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary. The celebration culminates on Dec. 10, 2009. Acuca currently has 60 member institutions from seven Asian countries. Fr. Bienvenido F. Nebres, S.J., Ateneo president, is Acuca president. Ateneo is Acuca secretariat for 2007-2008. For more information, e-mail Georgina Ann Hernandez at ghernandez@ateneo.edu or Juliana Abaloyan at jmabaloyan@ateneo.edu. You may also visit www.acuca.net/http://www.acuca.net/.

Magsaysay is new UERMMMCI trustee



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE EAST Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center Inc. (UERMMMCI) elected former Sen. Ramon Magsaysay Jr. as a member of its Board of Trustees. Magsaysay is the son and namesake of the late President Ramon Magsaysay after whom the medical center is named. The non-stock, non-profit UERMMMCI was established in 1957 by Dr. Francisco T. Dalupan Sr. as a tribute to the late president for "enabling the Filipino to ennoble himself." Its forerunner was the UE College of Medicine established in 1956 and regarded as the first philanthropic institution in the Philippines. The UERMMMCI is at Barangay Doña Imelda, Aurora Blvd. (near Araneta Avenue), Quezon City, tel. 7156801 loc. 7000 or 7150518; website www.uerm.edu.ph.



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